Setting up of Atomic Power Plants

1210. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Atomic Power plants during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the places identified in the country for the establishment of Atomic Power plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of Atomic Power Plants included in the Eighth Five Year Plan are as follows :—

1. Tarapur Units 3 & 4 Tarapur, Maharashtra.
2. Kaiga Units 3 to 6 Kaiga, Karnataka.
3. Rajasthan Units 5 & 6 Rawatbhata, Rajasthan.
4. Kudankulam Units 1 & 2 Tamil Nadu.

Rise in the growth of hazardous chemical industries

@1211. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to monitor the growth of the hazardous chemical industries in the country;

(b) if so, what is the comparative percentage of rise in the growth of hazardous chemical industries in the country during the last three years (year-wise);

(c) what is the number of chemical mishaps and the estimated number of deaths as a consequence thereof since the Bhopal Gas tragedy;

(d) which States have the higher number of hazardous chemical industries and the estimated number of deaths occurred during the last three years in each State; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Hazardous chemicals are under licensing under the IDR Act. Nine industrial licences for hazardous chemicals have been granted during the last three years.

(c) to (e) The time and labour involved in collecting the requisite information will not be commensurate with the objectives to be achieved.

Implementation of Supreme Court directives for Bhopal gas victims

1212. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Supreme Court had directed to design a scheme of medical surveillance of the Bhopal gas victims and to set up a 500 bed hospital for the purpose;

(b) whether an appropriate medical group insurance policy was also introduced to cover all the Bhopal gas victims including unborn children of mothers exposed to the poisonous MIC gas; and

(c) if so, what is the present position with regard to the implementation of the directives ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Supreme Court had directed that appropriate medical group Insurance cover may be taken out for compensation to those who though presently a symptomatic and filed no claims for compensation, might become symptomatic in future and to those later born children who might manifest congenital or pre-natal MIC related afflictions.

@Previously unstarred Question 175, transferred from 24th February, 1993.